

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)

NPL Site

September 2020

HENRYETTA IRON AND METAL | Henryetta, Oklahoma Okmulgee County

Site Location:

Henryetta Iron and Metal is a scrap-metal yard on the west side of Henryetta in southern Okmulgee County, Oklahoma.

Site History:

Henryetta Iron and Metal (HIM) operations consisted of acquiring an assortment of metal-containing objects from various sources for recycling. The property had been used as a metal salvage yard since the 1930s. Other businesses that have occupied the property include a blacksmith, motor freight lines, a welding facility, and a pipe and supply company. Electrical transformers containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were reportedly recycled on-site beginning in the 1950s. The facility is no longer active, but scrap piles remain on-site.

Site Contamination/Contaminants:

The soil, groundwater and downstream sediments are contaminated with PCBs, metals, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Potential Impacts on Surrounding Community/Environment:

On-site soils are heavily contaminated with PCBs, metals and PAHs. The site is not fenced and is accessible to nearby residents. Residential yards located to the south and downgradient of the site have concentrations of PCBs, metals and PAHs above Regional Screening Levels (RSLs). An unnamed creek downstream of the facility is contaminated with PCBs from the site. Local children play in the creek. Groundwater underlying the facility is contaminated with metals and PCBs.

Response Activities (to date):

In November 2018, the EPA removed soil from three residential homes and city right-of-way. A berm was constructed to redirect surface water flow away from the residential homes already remediated.

Need for NPL Listing:

The state of Oklahoma referred the site to the EPA because no other viable options for long-term remediation were available. The EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from the state of Oklahoma.

[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See 56 FR 5600, February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices.]

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